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EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: MILI, SN
SUBJECT: P-3 FLIGHTS THROUGH SINGAPORE

REF: (A) SINGAPORE 1534 (DTG: 040910Z APR 78)
(B) CINCPAC 010110Z APR 78
(C) SINGAPORE 1306 (DTG: 220914Z MAR 78)

1. EMBASSY WENT OVER PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS SURROUNDING INITIAL OF P-3 INDIAN OCEAN SUPPORT FLIGHTS THROUGH SINGAPORE WITH DFA ON APRIL 5. WE NOTED THAT AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE HAD KEPT AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION FULLY INFORMED AS MATTERS UNFOLDED, A POINT FOR WHICH DFA EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE GRATITUDE.

2. DFA ATTITUDE WAS ONE OF UNCONCERN, SINCE MATTERS
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APPEAR TO HAVE DEVELOPED IN A PERFECTLY NORMAL FASHION WITHOUT UNDUE PUBLIC NOTICE. GOA SEES NO PROBLEMS IN PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR US FLIGHTS FROM RAAF TENGAH.

3. WE HAVE NOT DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, BUT IN ABSENCE OF REQUEST THAT WE DO SO, BELIEVE BEST COURSE OF ACTION IS FOR ARRANGE-

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MENTS TO BE WORKED OUT IN SERVICE-TO-SERVICE CHANNELS
WITH WHATEVER ASSISTANCE SEEMS REQUIRED FROM U.S. EMBASSY
AND AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION IN SINGAPORE.

4. NO PUBLICITY HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION IN THE
AUSTRALIAN MEDIA, A REFLECTION, WE SUSPECT, OF THE
FACT THAT OCCASIONAL P-3 FLIGHTS THROUGH SINGAPORE IN
SUPPORT OF DIEGO GARCIA AND OTHER U.S. OBJECTIVES IN THE
INDIAN OCEAN AREA IS FULLY ACCEPTED IN AUSTRALIA AS AN
UNREMARKABLE POLICY.

5. STATE 87517 (DTG: 052037Z APR 78) WAS RECEIVED AS
THIS MESSAGE WAS BEING TRANSMITTED; WILL FOLLOW UP WITH
ACTION REQUIRED AND REPORT RESULTS.
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